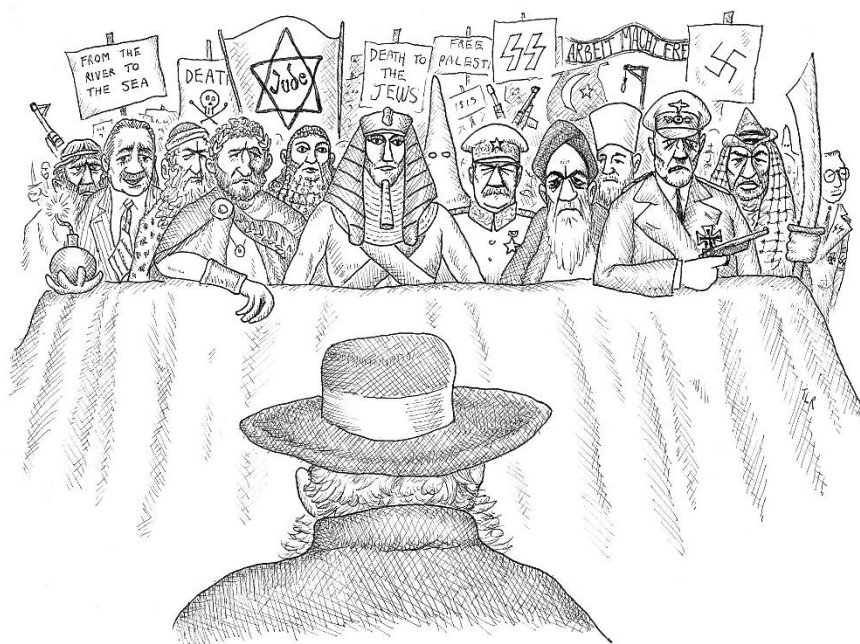


The Riddle of Antisemitism



"And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed."—Genesis 12:3 (KJV)

Above illustration: *"The Eternal Jew & his Enemies."*

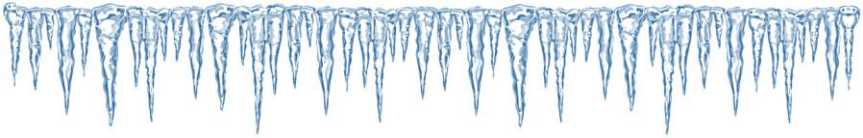
Left to right: Antiochus IV Epiphanes, the "Reverend" Al Sharpton, Haman the Agagite, Roman Emperor Hadrian, King Sennacherib of Assyria, Pharaoh Thutmose I of Egypt, an anonymous Spanish Inquisitor, Joseph Stalin, the Ayatolla Khomeini, Haj Amin al-Husseini (the Grand Mufti), Adolf Hitler, Yasser Arafat, and Heinrich Himmler.

Valley Grace Brethren Church of Armagh
January 7th, AD 2024

The LORD'S Day

The Seventh Day of January, *in the Year of our Lord 2024*

Welcome to the worship services of Valley Grace Brethren Church!



Sunday School—9:30 AM.

Morning Worship—10:30 AM.

Call to Worship:* *“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”* (#48, v. I).

Invocation.*

Hymn: *“Praise Him! Praise Him!”* (#59).

Prayer for Tithes & Offerings.

Scripture Reading: Rev. 12:1-6, 13, 17.

Prayer, Praises, and Testimony.

Hymn: *“A Child of the King”* (#179).

Announcements.

Hymn: *“A Shelter in the Time of Storm”* (#180).

Dismissal of Youth for Children's Church.

Greeting One Another.

Message: *“THE RIDDLE OF ANTISEMITISM.”*

Closing Hymn:* *“Turn your Eyes upon Jesus”* (#87).

Benediction.*



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**The Congregation will please arise, if able.*

Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study: 6:30 PM



WEEK OF DEC. 31 – JAN. 6

Sunday School—6; Morning Worship—12;

Midweek—4; Weekly Offering—\$747.⁰⁰

Mark Twain, addressing the Baffling Mystery of Antisemitism

(From *Concerning the Jews*; 1898)

The Jew is not a disturber of the peace of any country. Even his enemies will concede that. He is not a loafer, he is not a sot, he is not noisy, he is not a brawler nor a rioter, he is not quarrelsome. In the statistics of crime his presence is conspicuously rare—in all countries. With murder and other crimes of violence he has but little to do: he is a stranger to the hangman. In the police court's daily long roll of "assaults" and "drunk and disorderlies" his name seldom appears.

That the Jewish home is a home in the truest sense is a fact which no one will dispute. The family is knitted together by the strongest affections; its members show each other every due respect; and reverence for the elders is an inviolate law of the house. The Jew is not a burden on the charities of the state nor of the city; these could cease from their functions without affecting him.

When he is well enough, he works; when he is incapacitated, his own people take care of him. And not in a poor and stingy way, but with a fine and large benevolence. His race is entitled to be called the most benevolent of all the races of men... Whenever a Jew has real need to beg, his people save him from the necessity of doing it. The charitable institutions of the Jews are supported by Jewish money, and amply. The Jews make no noise about it; it is done quietly; they do not nag and pester and harass us for contributions; they give us peace, and set us an example—an example which we have not found ourselves able to follow; for by nature we are not free givers, and have to be patiently and persistently hunted down in the interest of the unfortunate.

These facts are all on the credit side of the proposition that the Jew is a good and orderly citizen. Summed up, they certify that he is quiet, peaceable, industrious, unaddicted to high crimes and brutal dispositions; that his family life is commendable; that he is not a burden upon public charities; that he is not a beggar; that in benevolence he is above the reach of competition. These are the very quint-essentials of good citizenship...

...This, I think: that the merits and demerits being fairly weighed and measured on both sides, the Christian can claim no superiority over the Jew in the matter of good citizenship. Yet in all countries, from the dawn of history, the Jew has been persistently and implacably hated, and with frequency persecuted.

AFRICA UPDATE



From: Pastor Keith Merriman (keithamerriman1998@gmail.com)

Date: Tues., Jan. 2, 2024

Dear beloved brethren,



Daniel Miller (right) with Jonathan Reese at the Grace Brethren Chapel of Gibsonburg, OH

Happy New Year! I hope you will have a blessed and fruitful year for the Lord.

Pastor Daniel Miller and I are scheduled to leave Tuesday, January 15th from Detroit for Africa. We are scheduled to be in Cameroon, Chad, Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania and Ethiopia. Please be in prayer for our trip. We have

many flights and travels and ask for the Lord's journey-mercies. Please also be in prayer for Pastor Salomon and Pastor Roger as they schedule all our transportation and ministries in both West and East Africa. Praise the Lord—we have the finances for the trip, thanks to all who give.

We are taking a number of laptops and projectors and tablets. Please also pray that all of our luggage will arrive safely. This trip is primarily a trip for pastor Daniel to meet our missionaries, see the fields and become familiar with the ministry there. As the ministry keeps growing it is a big task. He is considering taking over the Africa church planting oversight for the CGBCI in the future. I am getting older!!

Please pray for strength and wisdom and safety as we minister to our brothers and sisters in Africa. Our return is scheduled to be February 15th. We appreciate daily prayer!

God bless you all,
Keith